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SUBJECT: NEW ROUND OF VIOLENCE

SUMMARY: MAJOR UPSURGE IN BOMB ATTACKS FOLLOWS GOVT ARRESTS
OF EOKA-B SUPPORTERS. IKSFAMAGUSTA, EOKA-B DEMONSTRATES
CONSIDERABLE STRENGTH AND ORGANIZATION. MOST TROUBLESOME
DEVELOPMENT IS POLITICAL MURDER LIMASSOL. TURKS REACT
PREDICTABLY, HAVE SO FAR NOT CALLED ALERT. END SUMMARY

1. PAST FEW DAYS HAVE WITNESSED MAJOR UPSURGE IN VIOLENCE
ON ISLAND. NUMEROUS BOMB ATTACKS IN FAMAGUSTA AND LARNACA
DISTRICTS HAVE MAINLY HIT GOCPYRUS BUILDINGS (CUSTOMS, POLICE,
PUBLIC WORKS), AND PROPERTY OF PROMINENT PRO-MAKARIOS MP,
LEADER CONSERVATIVE FARMERS' UNION (PEK), AND EDITOR
OF NEW PRO-MAKARIOS WEEKLY "ELEFHEROS LAOS", HADJIHERACLEOUS.
BOMB BLASTS CONTINUING AS OF EARLY JUNE 17.

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2. JUNE 16 PEK LIMASSOL OFFICIAL KILLED, POLICE
INSPECTOR AND ONE OTHER WOUNDED IN BRUTAL AMBUSH OUTSIDE
CITY. POLICE QUICKLY ARRESTED SEVEN SUSPECTS. ARRESTS IN
ISLAND-WIDE SWEEPS RECENT WEEKS NOW TOTAL MORE THAN 40.

3. TURK CYPRIOT PRESS HAS REACTED PREDICTABLY, POINTING OUT
CONTINUING NEED FOR OWN SECURITY. UNFORTUNATELY, PRESS HAS TIED
INTRA-GREEK VIOLENCE TO ONGOING AYIA IRINI DISPUTE (NICOSIA 1118),
IN WHICH 12 TURK CYPRIOTS HAVE BEEN CHARGED IN GREEK CYPRIOT
COURT (ALONG WITH THREE GREEK VILLAGERS). TURKISH LANGUAGE
PAPERS ALSO ALLEGE GREEK CYPRIOTS CUTTING OFF WATER TO TURKSIH
FIELDS SAME VILLAGE. TCPA HAS ASKED UNFICYP USE ITS GOOD OFFICES
TO (A) GET CHARGES DROPPED AND (B) RESTORE NORMAL SITUATION IN
VILLAGE. TURK CYPRIOT CONTACTS MAINTAIN BOMBINGS AND SHOOTING
(ABOVE) HAVE NOT RPT NOT RESULTED TMT ALERT, ALTHOUGH SPECIFIC
UNITS HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED "BE MORE VIGILANT."

4. COMMENT: LATEST ACTIVITY BY EOKA-B CAMP INDICATES STRENGTH
AND DEPTH THAT GO CYPRUS HAS SOUGHT DENY IN WIDELY PUBLICIZED
SWEEPS. SIGNIFICANTLY, NONE OF NEW ARRESTEES APPEARS
TO COME FROM LARGE GROUP AMNESTIED BY MAKARIOS AFTER GRIVAS'
DEATH LAST JANUARY. WE SUSPECT NEW WAVE OF BOMB ATTACKS INTENDED
AS EOKA-B RETALIATION FOR RECENT ARRESTS, AND AS EFFORT DISPELL
GOVT PROPAGANDA THAT ORGANIZATION BEING ROLLED UP. SPECIFIC
CAUSE MAY HAVE BEEN EARLIER BOMB ATTACK ON HOME OF KIKIS
CONSTANTINOU, FAMAGUSTA LEADER OF EOKA-B; CONCEIVABLY ALSO,
CONSTANTINOU CHOSE TO LAUNCH MASSIVE CAMPAIGN TO DISCREDIT
REPORTED MODERATE ELEMENTS WHO SEEK POLITICAL CHANNEL FOR
EOKA-B STRUGGLE. MOST UNSETTLING DEVELOPMENT IS FIRST CLEAR
"POLITICAL MURDER" IN MANY MONTHS. OUTLOOK IS FOR CONTINUED
GOVT SECURITY SWEEPS, PROBABLY MORE SUCH RESPONSES FROM
EOKA-B.

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